For more information about Crime Victim Advocacy Services, please contact:

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If you need some assistance or an accommodation in order to participate in these court services, please contact:

The Americans with Disability

Coordinator,

JANICE KOCH

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920 North Vandeventer Ave.
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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the City of St. Louis Family Court – Juvenile Division to administer justice with compassion, dignity and respect and in a manner that promotes child protection, safe communities, and juvenile competency through holding juveniles accountable, repairing harm to victims, and strengthening families.

Juvenile Crime Victim Advocacy Services provides:

- Personal and emotional support;
- Support by accompanying victims to court hearings:
- Assistance in completing court related documents and Victim Impact Statements;
- Referrals to appropriate community agencies for supportive services;
- Assistance with notification of court hearing dates, case status, etc.;
- Advocacy on behalf of victims during Court proceedings;
- Information regarding restitution;
- Information regarding possible civil avenues to recover losses.

Missouri Constitutional Rights of Victims

The victim has the right to:

- Be present at all criminal justice proceedings at which the defendant has such right;
- Be provided with a secure waiting area for court proceedings;
- Be informed of and heard at: guilty pleas, bail hearings, sentencing, and probation and hearings upon request;
- Be informed of trials and preliminary hearings;
- Request restitution;
- Speedy disposition and appellate review of cases;
- Reasonable protection from the defendant or any person acting on behalf of the defendant;
- Information about: the workings of the criminal justice system, the rights and availability of services and upon request, information about the crime;
- Be given information about the escape, release, recapture or death of the accused while in confinement.

Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation Fund

The Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation Fund is available for victims of violent crime. It assists victims and/or family members with medical bills, funeral expenses, lost wages and counseling services incurred as a result of the crime. The Victim Services Program will assist victims in applying for these funds. The application can be obtained from the Victim Advocate.

Helpful Numbers

Crime Victim Advocacy Center (314) 652-3623 (314) OK-BE-MAD (24-hour Hotline)

Crime Victims' Compensation 800-347-6881

Missouri Children's Division (Formerly known as DFS) Child Abuse Hotline 800-392-3738

Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence 888-666-1911

Women's Support and Community Services 314-531-2003

The L.E.A.D. Institute (Hotline for Hearing Impaired Victims) 800-380-3323

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri (314) 535-4800

Center for Trauma and Recovery (314) 516-6738